

DAVID J. NEWMAN.

FEBRUARY 2, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6972.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6972) granting an increase of pension to David J. Newman, having considered the same, respectfully report:

David J. Newman served in Company G, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteers, from which he was discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability April 9, 1865, on account of "loss of left leg below the knee, the result of a gunshot wound received in action at Kennesaw Mountain on the 27th of June, 1864." He is now pensioned at \$30 per month on account of the loss of that leg. The condition of the stump is such that he can not wear an artificial leg, but he does strap to his knee a peg leg, or has in the past and while using such peg leg, it appears from the evidence, it slipped from under him and he fell in such a way as to fracture the patella of the right leg, in consequence of which, together with the loss of his left leg, he is now almost totally helpless. His condition was thus described by the Bay City, Mich., board, May 13, 1891:

Can not bear the weight of body on right leg if the knee is at all flexed. Stump of left leg can not be fully extended. Knee joint is partially ankylosed; pieces of bone have come out of the stump. Muscles above knee of left leg are atrophied. Has to have assistance part of the time. Can not stand still by reason of weakness of right knee. Rated \$36 for loss of left leg and \$36 for injury to right knee and results.

Your committee are satisfied that, though the medical officers of the Pension Bureau hold that the injury to right leg is not a pathological result of the amputation of his left leg, yet it is an actual result, and so disabled claimant as to entitle him to the rate of \$50 per month, and it is therefore recommended that the bill do pass after being amended as follows:

Strike out all after the word "to," first occurring in line 4, and add, "place on the pension roll the name of David J. Newman, late of Company G, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and to pay him a pension at the rate of \$50 per month, in lieu of that which he is now receiving."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to David J. Newman."